

Time Critical Diagnosis (TCD)-Stroke and STEMI System Document

STEMI-Specific

Number 11. Inter-facility Transfer Protocols for STEMI Patients

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TITLE:	Inter-Facility Transfer Protocols for STEMI Patients
DISTRIBUTION:	All Emergency Medical Services, Hospital Emergency Departments and Designated STEMI Center Personnel
PURPOSE:	To provide clear procedures for the transport of a STEMI patient from one hospital by ambulance (air or ground) to a higher level STEMI center (Level I or II)

PROTOCOL:

1. When a request for an emergency transfer of a STEMI patient comes in to the dispatch center, the call taker shall ask the caller if the patient is ready for pick-up at the time of request for transport (including paperwork completed and copied).
2. The closest unit shall be dispatched immediately.
3. EMS units shall respond to the originating facility without the use of emergency lights and siren unless they are specifically requested.
4. A paramedic/ALS provider shall be in attendance with the patient. If a paramedic/ALS provider is not available, a licensed registered nurse or physician shall accompany the patient. In the event a patient develops an unmanageable life-threatening situation while en route, contact the closest hospital and obtain orders and/or authorization to divert to that facility.
5. The EMS unit shall contact the receiving hospital and advise them of the estimated arrival time.

Acronyms: EMS-Emergency Medical Services

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